

Agreement for derogations concerning movements of equine animals (equines) near borders between Norway and Sweden

1 Scope

This agreement concerns the use of the derogation stipulated in Article 139(1) of Regulation 2016/429 (AHL) regarding movement of equine animals (equines) between near border territories of Norway and Sweden as listed under No 2.

The derogation applies to equines that are habitually kept on establishments geographically located within the areas listed in No. 2.

The derogation applies to the outward transport/movement and the return movement to the establishment of origin within the stipulated time periods for the purpose of participating in one of the following activities:

- (a) Recreational use - within 10 days after the first crossing of the border.
- (b) Exhibitions, and sporting, cultural and similar events (including training for such event) - within 10 days after the first crossing of the border.
- (c) Grazing - within 30 days after the first crossing of the border.
- (d) Work done - within 10 days after the first crossing of the border.

2 Definitions

"Near borders" shall be defined as the following territories within Norway and Sweden:

1. Norway: The area consisting of the municipalities Bamle, Skien, Kongsberg, Øvre Eiker, Modum, Ringerike, Søndre Land, Nordre Land, Lillehammer, Øyer, Ringebu, Stor-Elvdal, Alvdal, Tynset, Rennebu, Orkanger, Ørland, Åfjord, Osen, Flatanger, Nærøysund and all municipalities east of these. The whole area of Oslo county, Nordland county and Finnmark county.
2. Sweden: The area consisting of the municipalities Kiruna, Gällivare, Jokkmokk, Arjeplog, Sorsele, Storuman, Vilhelmina and Dorotea and all municipalities west of these. The whole area of Jämtland county, Dalarna county, Värmland county and Västra Götaland county.

3 Derogation concerning animal health certification and notification

The animal health certification and notification requirements provided for in Article 143(1), Article 148 and Article 152 of AHL shall not apply to the movements of equines for the purposes and time periods mentioned in No 1, if the conditions laid down in No 4-7 of this agreement are met.

4 Risk mitigating measures

The equine must be habitually kept at the establishment of origin and having had no contact with equines with contagious disease the last 15 days prior to the movement as well as after leaving this establishment.

5 Animal health and traceability

1. The equines must be accompanied by their single lifetime identification document complemented by a self-declaration signed by the operators on the place of origin.
2. The self-declaration provided for in No 5.1 shall contain the following information (a model of the self-declaration may be found in Annex 1).
 - a) The Unique Equine Life Number, if applicable, the microchip number, and the number of equines to be moved.
 - b) The registration number and address of the establishment of origin and, if relevant, of the place of destination.

- c) Type of activity for the purpose of the movement (as specified in No 1).
 - d) Name and approval and/or registration number of the transporter. If the transporter holds an approval in accordance with Regulation 1/2005, both numbers shall be stated.
 - e) The registration number of means of transport
 - f) A declaration that the equines fulfil the animal health requirements provided for in:
 - Article 124
 - Article 125 of AHL
 - Article 126(l)(a)(b) and (c) of AHL and
 - Article 130 of AHL.
 - Article 22 of Regulation (EU) 2020/688.
 - g) A declaration that the equines were kept at the establishment of origin having had no contact with other equines with contagious disease the last 15 days prior to the movement.
 - h) A declaration that during the activities covered by this agreement measures will be taken to avoid contact between the equines being moved and other equines of lower health status.
 - i) A declaration that the equines are fit for the intended transport in accordance with Regulation 1/2005.
3. The self-declaration is to be issued on the day of dispatch by the operator.
 4. The self-declaration is valid for the outward transport/movement, the activity and the return transport/movement to the establishment of origin within the times periods specified in No 1.

6 Transport

If transported by vehicle, the equines are to be moved directly to the activity. The means of transport must be cleaned and disinfected in accordance with articles 4 and 5 in Regulation (EU) 2020/688.

7 Returning to the country of origin

After participating in the activity mentioned in No. 1, the equines are to be return directly to their establishment of dispatch in Norway or Sweden.

8 Contact details

Each participating party names the contact point responsible for this agreement and future communication with each other and within the national administration.

Contact Norway: Norwegian Food Safety Authority, Section Animal Health,
Internpost.dyrehelse@mattilsynet.no

Contact Sweden: Swedish Board of Agriculture, forflytning.sparning@jordbruksverket.se

9 Suspension of the agreement

1. A signing party may suspend this agreement without prior notice, if there is a threat to human or animal health. The Commission, ESA and the other Member States will be informed accordingly.
2. If an operator breaches this agreement, a signing party may initiate a procedure to suspend the agreement by informing the other signing party. The agreement shall only be suspended after at least 30 days from the initial contact. The Commission, ESA and other Member States will be informed accordingly.

10 Evaluation and repeal of the agreement

This agreement shall be evaluated by the signing Member States within 2 years of it entering into force.

The repeal of the agreement must be done in writing with a notice period of 3 months, counting from the following month. The Commission shall be informed by the repealing part.

11 Signatures

This agreement applies from _____ (date)

Signing parties:

Date:

2023.02.06

Signature:

Lena Hellqvist Björnerot

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Chief veterinary officer of Sweden

The Swedish Board of Agriculture

Date:

2023.02.10

Signature:

Ole-Herman Tronerud

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Norwegian Food Safety Authority



